

Preliminary Amendment  
U.S. Patent Application No.: Unassigned

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (original) A process for preparing a carbon black product having an organic group attached to the carbon black comprising the step of:

reacting at least one diazonium salt with a carbon black in the absence of an externally applied electric current sufficient to reduce the diazonium salt.

Claims 2-153 (canceled)